

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	37346	<b>Agenda Number</b>	42.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	November 6, 2014			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
<p>Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with JUSTIN SEED COMPANY to provide re-vegetation material in an amount not to exceed \$475,980, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$158,660 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$951,960.</p>				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$145,438 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding for the remaining 25 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Lowest bid meeting specifications.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	█			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Georgia Billela, Buyer II, 512-974-2939			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	█			
<b>Related Items:</b>	█			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			

**Additional Backup Information**

This contract provides a supply agreement for re-vegetation materials needed to restore areas where maintenance work has been completed to clear creek flow lines to reduce flooding and repair eroded creek embankments. The maintenance work is performed by the Field Operations Division of the Watershed Protection Department on an as-needed basis.

The re-vegetation materials are comprised of various seed mixes collected within the boundaries of Texas. Local seed will have the best chance for successful germination and growth in the Austin area. The seed mixtures are a combination of native grass, wildflower, and winter cover crop. Seeds may be applied by hand, or mixed and sprayed with the department's hydro-mulch machine.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/4

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
**IFB GLB0012**  
**Re-vegetation Material**  
**(5 Line Items)\*\***

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Award</u></b>
Justin Seed Company Justin, TX	\$141,035
Native American Seed Junction, TX	\$209,930
Bamert Seed Company Muleshoe, TX	*

\*Vendor was deemed non-responsible; items did not meet specification

\*\*Item 5 was deleted from award due to budget availability

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and on the City of Austin, FSD Purchasing website.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition
- b. 64 notices were sent including three MBEs and four WBEs. Three bids were received with no MBEs or WBEs responding.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid meeting specifications. Justin Seed Company is the current provider of similar goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Watershed Protection Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet.